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GENE EXPRESSION AND USES THEREOF

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --
EXAMINING GROUP 1636

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 21 July 2008, time for response to which was set to expire 21 October 2008. All pending claims, claims 37 and 39-40, were rejected and the rejection was made final. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final rejection, and thus expedited procedure is requested. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosure:

Description of *C. elegans*.